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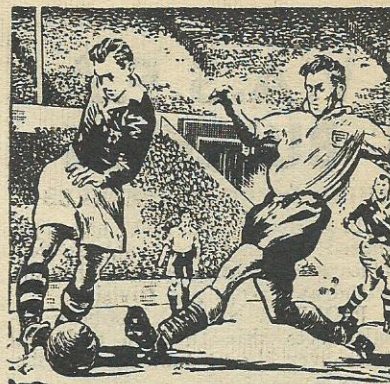


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Players beaten up in free-for-all rumpus

CROATIA-MELBOURNE MATCH ENDS IN BRAWL

BRAWLING spectators swarmed on the pitch at Yarra Park last Saturday to rout Croatia's game against Melbourne 10 minutes before time. The referee abandoned the match.

Players were beaten up and fighting swept across the park, involving watchers of Yarra Park's game on a nearby pitch, a Croatia official told "Soccer News."

For about 15 minutes, more than 100 people brawled across the park, leaving Croatia with three beaten-up players and Melbourne with several men hurt.

Sparked Off!

According to Croatia secretary, Tony Durakovic, the melee was sparked off by an incident involving Croatia inside-left, Tavesic, and a Hungarian player when the score was 2-2 in an already tense game. Melbourne scored a hotly disputed goal after 10 minutes and Croatia equalised with a penalty.

The referee escaped when several spectators rushed on to the field, setting off the crash.

Said Mr. Durakovic: "Our players were just about ready to jump into the Yarra, it looked like another minor revolution. It was really a black day for Victorian soccer. It was lucky that nobody had to be taken to hospital."

"Dirty Soccer."

About the game, he said: "It started off well, Melbourne showed they had some very good forwards, but it developed into really dirty soccer."

Mr. Vic. Manson, secretary of Melbourne, commented: "It was the roughest game I have ever seen. We now have nine of our players on the injured list."

Protests have been made to the Soccer Council.

SAFE!



BILL STOW, of Box Hill, goes high to punch out Sjel de Bruyckere's header at Olympic Park last week.

V. A. S. F. A. BULLETIN

THIRD DIVISION RESERVES

The Brunswick S.C. has intimated that they are unable to field a Reserve team, and have officially withdrawn from this Division.

FIORENTINA S.C. has been admitted to this Division and will take over the Brunswick S.C. fixtures.

The president of Fiorintina is Mr. E. Rominin, 311 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, telephone No. JA3015. The secretary is Mr. M. Princiotta, 9 Jenkins Street, Northcote. Colours are, blue shirts, white shorts and black stockings.

The ground is situated at Yarra Bend — National Park, in front of Fairfield Hospital. Directions to ground: Train from Flinders Street to Clifton Hill station. Refer page 23 Official Year Book. Directions similar to Fairfield S.C. ground.

FIXTURES

Due to ground difficulties, certain clubs have had to make alternative arrangements to comply with the fixture list. In two instances clubs have arranged to play matches on the following day, Sunday. Notification to the V.A.S.F.A. has not been made within the prescribed time. It is pointed out, permission for clubs to play on a SUNDAY will not be granted unless under exceptional circumstances, and general advice or altered times or grounds must be forwarded to the Association at least seven days before each alteration is proposed.

DOCKERTY AND HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP

The First Round draw of both Cups will be published in "Soccer News" next week.

S. BEATON,
Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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EDITORIAL

BACK TO NORMAL

"SOCCER NEWS" is intended to bring to the code's supporters not only the results and ladders which are not printed by the daily Press, but as complete a resume of Association, club and personality news as it is possible for the Editor and his helpers to gather in the limited time available.

Unfortunately, due to the Easter and Anzac Day holidays, the two issues previous to this one were limited by our printers to eight pages.

That space permitted the inclusion of only the barest minimum of essential news items, and it is felt that the tolerance of our readers may have been tested somewhat.

Before the loyalty of our few thousand readers is stretched beyond breaking point, we hasten to reassure them that, for the remainder of the season, full-sized issues of "Soccer News" will be available.

That means full news coverage, technical articles, and the re-introduction of Sam Gold's action pictures in every issue.

Also, if the clubs of all divisions continue to co-operate, the current squads from which teams are to be selected will also be included.

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THIS MATCH IS HERE TO STAY

THE annual match between composite teams representing British Commonwealth and the Rest of the World fully justified its place in the fixture list when both teams gave another crowd-pleasing performance at Olympic Park last Sunday.

The fact that the Rest defeated the Commonwealth, 5-4, is purely incidental. The fact that several thousand fans can watch 22 local stars playing clean, stylish soccer on a first-class pitch is the pleasant feature to dwell upon.

Even in this gathering of stars, Pepe Cubero's effortlessly attractive football drew special applause from the crowd.

It was Pepe who scored the Rest's first goal within two minutes with a beautiful first-timer, and soon after helped with the second by Weinber.

When Joe Ruyter slipped on the turf made glassy by a passing shower, a return from his centre-half Westerveld scored a goal for the Commonwealth. Then Cubero and Ardner scored again for the Rest to make it 4-1 at half-time.

Commonwealth fought back hard after the interval and scored three goals through Loughran, Vella and Blackley, while allowing the Rest only one, by Weinber.

If nothing else, the match proved that attractive football can be played without unnecessary vigor. It is doubtful whether the whistle blew for more than half-a-dozen infringements during the entire 90 minutes.

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I.C.I. v. LIONS.
S'HAM CITY v. ROSEBUD.
CROATIA v. WIL'MINA III.

Your entry, indicating your idea of the scores, must be posted by next Friday to: Mr. John Oliphant, 225 Wattletree Road, Malvern. The readers nearest to the correct scores will get the tickets.

• MICKY FLINT, Colts player, broke a leg in two places during the Yarra Park game a fortnight ago, is home and progressing.

• SIGN found at Olympic Park last Sunday after Box Hill's 0-7 defeat: WILHELMINA the WRECKER WAS HERE!

• BRUNNBEAUER, ex-Richmond leader, is due to play for his new club, Preston, to-day.

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★ Introducing . . . THE REFEREES' PAGE ★

This is the first of a new series by a top referee which will iron out many of the tricky problems that occasionally trip up referees as well as spectators. This week he writes about the weak referee who allows players to challenge his decisions, and says . . .

GET TOUGH

— And cut out all that back-chat!

NOTHING undermines the standing of a referee more than unnecessary tolerance of players who challenge his decisions.

No matter whether the spectators are numbered in their tens or in their thousands, once a referee permits this and some of the back-chat that accompanies it, he loses the respect that he would otherwise command if he were firm — an essential in the handling of any game.

When a referee makes an obvious error he is perfectly conscious of

it nine times out of ten, and he can face up to it in the manner he considers best without the chatter of players and without them chasing after him.

In some Continental countries the only player who has any right to speak to the referee is the captain. This, more than anything, makes for a well-disciplined side — a side that will often produce better football, too.

Law 12 (5 L) says: "A player shall be cautioned if he shows by word or action dissent from any decision given by the referee."

Official advice to referees under this section of the rules says: "Do not allow players to crowd around you to question your decision or get you to change it."

Advice to players under the same rule is: "Accept the referee's decision without question. It is an offence to show dissent by word or action."

There you have the rule quite plainly, and it shows that there is not the slightest excuse for a referee who loses standing because of his laxity in enforcing it.

Referees should carry this out to the strict letter of the law at all times. Their reputation will be

enhanced in the eyes of the players as well as the crowd.

THE PLAYERS KNOW

This will do more than anything else to establish the reputation of a referee.

Nobody does more to make or mar his reputation than the players themselves. They talk in the dressing-room before the game, and the trend of their conversation will be something like this: "This man won't stand any nonsense — he'll be down on you like a ton of bricks as soon as you open your mouth."

And the outcome is that players will not challenge a decision. They are content to get on with the game.

CLUB VIEWPOINT

There is a growing tendency in present-day football for a referee's decision to be determined by appeals from players.

Because their players appeal, some managers are only too ready to hold that the referee made a mistake. Managers are far more inclined to agree with their players than to give a considered judgment of a referee's ability.

The worst aspect of all, however, arises on those occasions when certain players disagree with a decision merely to "play up to the crowd."

But, then, there is not the slightest sympathy for referees in these circumstances. They know the rules and they are there to carry them out. If they fail to do so they must accept the consequences.

Some sections of crowds make a big noise over nothing.

It should be remembered that they are very much in the minority. Most people like to see a first-class referee just as much as the first-class player, and the capable referee can help to "make" an outstanding player on the field.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

COACHING OR POACHING?

Dear Sir.—

"In reply to your April 6 editorial, I think, somewhere along the line, the facts have been badly distorted, and I wish to protest and amend these misprinted facts.

"The special general meeting referred to was not called to discuss

transfer schemes — the fact just arose in the course of the evening, and the whole matter was left in abeyance.

"The junior association at no time has tried to hold a player back from playing in senior league, it has simply seen, season after

season, players drop out of the game because senior clubs do not give them a fair chance in senior ranks.

"How many clubs persist with youth and how many continue to play the same old faces year in and year out?

"Last year the age group in the junior association was cut by one year, the result being that the 20-year-old group were not playing in senior football. No, the clubs would not play them, but the under 20 group dropped out of the game.

IT'S CHEAPER.

"With regard to having players 'pinched' there are several First Division clubs who will never run juniors while they can poach good juniors who have been coached by clubs interested in fostering juniors. And then these senior clubs come along and take a good boy away. It's cheaper that way.

"The Australian boy, unfortunately, does not learn the game until he is 12, and must be given just that few more years before he matures. Granted the coaching and schoolboy competitions have grown these last few years, but it will not bear fruit for at least three seasons yet. Then, maybe, the age group can be dropped."

DENIS CHAMBERS

(Assistant secretary and registrar of the Junior Soccer Association).

[The editorial criticised delegates at the special meeting who spoke in favour of "tying" juniors to their clubs in the same manner that it is intended seniors will be tied next season. This, we contended, would prevent a promising youngster from joining a higher — and more glamorous — League club while he is in his teens.

In a nutshell, we believe that if a youngster is good enough, he is old enough, and, therefore, nothing should be done to stop him from reaching the top just as quickly as his ability deserves.

The meeting WAS called to discuss the registration and transfer of players. The matter did not "just arise." We agree, however, that more senior clubs should form junior teams. First Division clubs would certainly find that that policy would pay them over the years.—Ed.]



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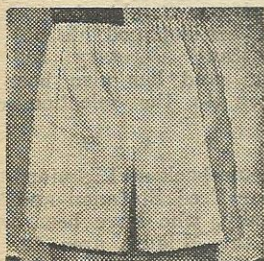
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SOCCER GOSSIP

By
Ron Ford

TWO BOBBYS ARE TO SAIL BACK TO THEIR AIN FOLK

DIVISION I players, Bobby McFeeters (Box Hill) and Bobby Garland (Hakoah), are sailing home to Scotland on May 19. Garland will be out of Victorian soccer for about a year. McFeeters has made no plans to return.

McFeeters has given exceptional service to Box Hill at outside-right and also as assistant coach. Garland, hailed as a brilliant young centre-half, was Box Hill's skipper before joining Hakoah.

Said Hakoah secretary, Mr. K. Defris: "We shall certainly miss Bobby a great deal. We'll be considering the pivot problem nearer his departure date."

Tom Jack? That's unlikely. Seems he's pressing hard for that retirement.

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Lucky Sunshine! They've got 30 players competing for first team places. And the Hitching brothers still account for four of these positions.

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Sandringham goalkeeper Ted Williamson, tipped a fortnight ago to move into top soccer, has been snapped up by Brighton. Former South Melbourne reserve keeper Hans Schenck has taken over at Sandringham.

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JUVENTUS RECORD.

Juventus have paid a record £A69,000 for one player — that is, THE Juventus in Italy! They are said to have bought top British player, John Charles, of Leeds United. Charles, who is believed to be receiving £A18,500 of the pay-out, is one of the greatest players Wales have produced, and is equally at home in any of the inside-forward positions, or, his favourite, at centre-half.

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Bill McMurray, a top-notch right-half in Brighton's post-war heyday, has rejoined his old club as assistant secretary to Don Bingham, and has also been co-opted on to the selection committee.

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Welcome back at Richmond next week for Fred Stefanon and Toni Jurkowsky, who have been working in the Mildura area for two months. They're expected to strengthen the side considerably.

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"My, they're keen," says Div. 1 trainer

MORELAND trainer, Fred Brooks, went up to Gippsland the other week-end, and one of the first things he did when he returned was to ring up "Soccer News" and pay tribute to the work of Latrobe Valley League side, Newborough.

"It was an eye-opener," he told us. "The club ticks over perfectly. They have a first-class team, a wonderful club spirit and a hard-working ladies' committee, under the guidance of Mrs. Taylor.

"Believe me, I was greatly impressed. Their juniors played some grand stuff in the morning and then, immediately after the game, club members swarmed on to the pitch to get it ready for the afternoon match. Talk about keenness!"

Concludes Fred: "Please convey my thanks to them all. They made me feel very welcome and have a fine committee."

Concludes "Soccer News": Keep it up, Newborough. It's not often a club official goes out of his way to praise another set of officials. We can only think you deserve it!

Geoff, on World Trip, Says: "I'll be Back!"

MAN on the move this month: Sandringham's 21-year-old secretary, Geoff. Dobb, who sails for Canada (on the 22nd) in the Orsova "to have a look round the world."

Geoff., with a Melbourne University commerce degree to help him on his way, plans a three-year working holiday overseas. First stop Vancouver, then on to England and the Continent.

Geoff., incidentally, emigrated from the Old Country ten years ago. But, he says, "I'll be back!"

Something went wrong with St. Albans over Easter. They aimed

Watch Moreland, they've got a plan — Manchester Utd.'s!

POLICY of playing youngsters is paying off at Moreland. They've planned their team building on the lines of Britain's Manchester United, and just as the Matt Busby Babes are the talk of English soccer, so Moreland hope they'll soon be tops in Victoria.

For three years they have followed a strict find 'em train 'em rule. Now the policy's bringing results — like the way they walked through Hakoah Easter week-end.

And but for a freak incident last week they would have taken both points from champions Juventus, too.

This season will probably be their best for some time, though chairman Jim Stewart predicts they will not reach their peak until next year.

Len Young grooms Moreland youngsters in the Colts. Then Jack Finley takes over.

Result: Four ex-Colts are in the first team.

And the side's average age is 22.

Because of the wedding of Maurice Morssenkhoof last Saturday, Rosebud were compelled to play General Motors-Holdens on Sunday at the Main Ridge ground, their secretary reports. Rosebud won 9-1.

BRIEFLY . . .

• **THERE'S** more than football talent at Brighton. Players provided most of the entertainment at the club's Easter week-end social!

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• **RECENTLY** settled in Frankston, Tom Mack, a former Yallourn reserve player — uses both feet well.

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• **TRAINER** wanted urgently by championship — chasing St. Albans. Details on ML9033.

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• **SO SHORT** of players they're fielding injured men — that's all-conquering Melbourne.

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• **BOX HILL** dance — to-night at Box Hill Town Hall, 8 o'clock start.

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• **BAD NEWS** for Coburg. Trouble with an old knee injury will keep T. Sacco out of soccer for some time.

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• **PLAGUED** by injuries, Frankston have yet to field their strongest side.

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• **SANDRINGHAM** play their first "Sunday social" game to-morrow at Ferntree Gully. They want more friendly dates — on WA5109.

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• **MARRIED** last week: Matt Blaney, of Park Rangers.

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• **TAKINGS** at the Preston game last Saturday were a record.

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• **Park RANGERS'** Peter Moran has had to have an X-ray check on an eye injury.

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• **JEWISH** players interested in playing for Israel against Malta at Olympic Park to-morrow contact Mr. S. Rubinstein on LU6129. Players meet Olympic Park entrance.

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A Metropolitan South side allowed to nominate their own referee have been in for some severe criticism for "abusing the rules of football."

Division 1 review by Morrie Buckner

GREAT DEBUT BY SMITH — BUT J.U.S.T. GO TO TOP

LEAGUE leadership was restored to J.U.S.T. when they defeated Slavia 2-1 last Saturday.

One-all in the first half, the game was an exciting draw all the way, but the piquant flavor of this well-played game turned slightly sour when J.U.S.T. were awarded a penalty kick for "hands" in the last minute.

Most J.U.S.T. players and supporters felt that it was an unlucky ending for Slavia, who had fully earned a draw.

A flood of verbal bouquets went to newcomer Ron Smith, the lad who replaced Barotajs, Slavia's injured goalkeeper. He couldn't possibly have saved either of Lolly Vella's goals, but he stopped everything else.

Every minute of the Juventus-Moreland match at the Showgrounds was loaded with excitement and suspense, and the home team's second-half fight back to 3-3 after being 0-2 down was a fine effort.

Moreland scored tearaway goals in the opening minute of each half, Hodgson the first and Wilson the second. Juventus fought back at flat-out pace, and penetrated Moreland's splendid defence twice to equalise at 70 minutes. And but for two grand shots that hit the upright and crossbar, they may have led at this stage.

Moreland, in a hot attack, forced a full-back to "save," and Innard made good the penalty kick, and Bottari equalised a few minutes before time.

Lasted Pace.

Juventus at least appeared to be fit. They matched Moreland's terrific pace and vigor for the full 90 minutes. Guardiani may have earned the pivot berth permanently, and the club's last problem of a centre-forward might be solved by putting Joe Plateo there, and bringing back Wally Zavattieri on the left wing, with Aldo Trentini on the right.

An interesting problem of laws interpretation arose in the first half of this match.

A penalty was awarded to Moreland, the ball was placed on the spot and the whistle blown for play. Then the wind carried the ball a few inches off the spot and Innard, taking the kick, bent and replaced the ball. Juventus were thereupon awarded a free kick for "hands"!

Wilhelmina's goal percentage sky-rocketed with a 7-0 win over Box Hill at Olympic Park, and the winning margin would have been greater but for lanky Bill Stow's devotion to his goalkeeping task.

Going Up !

Geelong notched a third draw when they tied Polonia, 1-1, at Campbell Reserve. They have yielded only five goals this season, indicating that the acrobatic Penzo and his co-defenders are doing well, but more action is required at the other end.

Brighton dropped the third decision in a row by a one-goal deficit when they lost to Hakoah 0-1. Neither side earned any cheers and must search for and remedy their deficiencies.



WILHELMINA scored 7 goals against Box Hill last week, but lanky Bill Stow saved another 17. Here he is seen beating out a snap shot from Rein Yntema.

MELBOURNE NOT SO HOT — says Geoff Dobb

At Olive Street on Easter Monday I saw Melbourne score five more goals, gain two more points, but tarnish their "Mighty" reputation during a dramatic well-refereed match with Sandringham.

The Magyars struggled to a two-goal lead by half-time and had to fight all the way when Sandringham hit back in the 65th minute and scored.

It was only in the closing minutes, when Melbourne's clever right-wing smashed through to snatch three quick goals, that the Hungarians showed their superiority.

Melbourne have a good team; but, on that form, I suspect a good close-marking Second Division side would be their masters.

BEST WIN

Two brilliant headers by leader Power highlighted Victoria Police's 4-2 win against the rugged Rosebud. It was the Police's best win to date.

Young Wilhelmina team proved too good for G.M.H., who again fielded only nine players, and the Windmills won, 11-2.

Unbeaten Ferntree Gully drew their third game in four matches, when Croatia held them to 3-3. Sambolek and Etejmovis excelled for Croatia. And it was an improved performance by Pascoe Vale that kept Port Melbourne to a point at Royal Park.

A club that would be an undoubted asset to the South is

Springvale Stars, a Maltese side. They have a new ground and play friendly matches. Any clubs who would like to meet them should contact Mr. Joe Ellul on UJ9400. Frankston Second are also looking for more fixtures.

SOUTH SNIPPETS: Victoria Police, already sporting new set of royal blue shirts, hope for a further £50 donation from the Police Association's Fund. The police have recruited several tall players from the Town Hall station, and should go far in the Dockerty Cup competition. . . . Several clubs are unhappy about rough play by a leading Continental side. The club have a new ground and good amenities, so it is hoped the administrators will quickly put a rein on this unwanted temperament. . . . Sandringham seek Sunday social matches, home or away. Interested clubs are asked to contact XW 5859 or WA 5109. . . . A pertinent paragraph from critical secretaries might be well worth airing in this column! What about it? . . . Minor clubs should contact Sandringham's council member, Bill Campbell (XY 5859) if they have any V.A.S.F.A. matters to be dealt with.

JUNIOR SOCCER

CHIEF interest last week-end was centred on the junior game, Commonwealth v. The Rest of the World, played as a curtain-raiser at Olympic Park on Sunday (writes Barry Matthews).

Players relished the beautiful playing area and a good game resulted.

In the first half, The Rest had a slight edge and exchanges broke even early until the World established the lead, scored by their inside-left.

After the interval the game reopened with new vigor, and centre-forward Glover was the pivot of many attacking moves for the Commonwealth. This player was the perpetrator of the equaliser, scored in nice style by the right-winger.

A good exhibition of goalkeeping was seen in this half.

Commonwealth forced the pace, but their defence were called upon repeatedly to repel the determined World forwards.

The game was clinched 2-1 for the Commonwealth by a beautiful goal scored by inside-left Stephen-son.

DIVISION 2

THE Second Division has confirmed the early season indications that the "national-controlled" clubs are not the strength of their other season predecessors, particularly the Greek-controlled Hellenic and German-controlled Richmond, although it might be remembered that Richmond made a second-round run that earned them promotion from the Third Division last year.

George Cross survived their big test last week to defeat Yallourn, and, somewhat ironically, although strengthened by players transferred from South Melbourne United, now have only South Melbourne above them on the ladder.

Prahran are improving every week, and will be a threat to the leaders to-day. Preston and Yallourn are South Melbourne's next two opponents and both those teams are within striking distance of the top, and should both win to-day.

COLBART'S SIX!

In League matches last week some good goal-scoring feats were recorded — both in the Under 20's. Stan Kovaks, of Essendon, notched a hat-trick — incidentally, his third for the season — and Sunshine City's inside-right Colbart scored SIX of his team's eight!

An interesting figure ran a line for the juniors at Olympic Park on Sunday — chairman of the Junior Association, Mr. Jock Parker.

State trainer seriously hurt in car smash

BILL LYONS, official trainer of the Victorian State squad, was seriously injured when his car left the road near Stawell and crashed head-on into a tree.

Bill and his son Barry were on their way to see the Stawell Gift when the accident occurred. Both suffered head injuries and severe shock.

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TEAMS FOR THIS WEEK-END

AT Press time, clubs had short-listed the following players in their line-ups for the matches this week-end:—

DIVISION I

HAKOAH v. Box Hill, at Albert Park.

Van Egmond; Jack, McIntosh; Thomas, Garland, Sutherland, Haarbun; Neuhold, Sacco, Carroll, Blakely, Piercy, Reicheuder.

BOX HILL v. Hakoah.

Stow; Van Der Piet, Vandenberg; Nelson, McLeod, McClelland; Tester, Hewigan, Paterson, Morrow, Bakens. Reserves: Paton, Slaats, T. White.

GEELONG v. Juventus, at Corio Oval, Geelong.

Penzo; Gennari, Sabidussi; Pangrazio, Salvalaggio, Spaziani; Anderson, Sacimera, Boz, Tognon, Trentini. Reserve: Varrasso.

MORELAND v. Brighton, at Moreland.

Hobson; McColl, Innard; Kyle, Stott, Goodman; Oxtom, Hodgson, Wilson, Loughran, Smith.

BRIGHTON v. Moreland.

Scott; McCartney, Cullen, Sirach; Kotatko, Waitzer, Engelbogen; F. Sirach, Busink, Petersen, Lachman, MacKenzie. Reserves: Finlay, Thomas.

DIVISION II

RICHMOND v. George Cross, at Survey Park, Burnley.

Pfeiffer; Spieth, Wenzlaff; Duerboeck, Engler, Stramm; Folk, Stegner, Bieg, Meyer, Aldeschulte.

GEORGE CROSS v. Richmond.

Mannering; Jayce, Gruppetta; D'Amato, Farrugia, Hathaway; Catania, Muscat, Zammit, Cachia, Debono. Reserve: Catania.

PRESTON v. Hellenic, at Preston.

Bugeja; Schranz, Herrin; Black, Henderson, Rabel; Frost, Noy, Brunnbeauer, Cunningham, Berner, Vesnaver.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED v.

Prahran, at Como Park. Camilleri; Eagleton, Neill, M. James; Annersley, Thompson, Guy; G. James, Budgen, Ritchie, Depny, Macleod, Jordon.

DIVISION III

PARK RANGERS v. Maccabi, at

Princes Park, Carlton. Harris; Key, Matthews; Collett, Stephenson, Starrett; West, McKenzie, Cassells, Moran, Moat, Douglas, Carr.

MACCABI v. Park Rangers.

Dyskin, Peters, Hirsch, Horowitz, Leipnick, Breitberg, Willheim, Foldy, Tobias, Forzasc, Roessler, Salter.

FRANKSTON v. F.N.D., at F.N.D.

Albers; Zelst, Schreuder, Bierman; Rose, Mack, Piggott, Wren; Heath, Richardson, Betts, Herdman, Thomassen.

DANDENONG ROVERS v. Hayduk, at

Royal Park. Keizer; Kaye, Steunenberg; Polman, West, Gebuys; Borg, Kendt, Moores, Rado, Spitene, Lieushins.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

C.S.R. v. Williamstown, at C.S.R.

Marinescue; Jacovidis, Borg; Merkenich, Stadlower, Angelo; Farrugia, Cassir, Frendo, Gerhardt, Michalik. Reserves: Stolz, Pulcinni.

FERNTREE GULLY v. Rosebud, at

Ferntree Gully. Lacunes; Saes, Hofstee; Douwsma, De Kort, Teterink; Peeters, Gebbing, Korten, De Rooy, Holtrop, Ryrelykhuizen. Reserves: Dörner, R. de Kort, Steginga.

SANDRINGHAM CITY v. G.M.H., at

G.M.H. Schenck; Bartolo, Sutherland; Young, Saunders, McQuaigue, Van Rooy; Gardiner, Hyndman, Jordan, Dawson, Cantwell. Reserves: Daw, Clarke.

Manchester Utd. bid for double

FOR British soccer fans — Manchester Utd. topped Division 1, were beaten by Real Madrid in the European Cup and meet Aston Villa to-day in the F.A. Cup Final (on 3AR from 11.20 to-night). Tottenham Hotspurs were runners-up in Division 1. Relegated: Cardiff and Charlton.

Up from the Second Division go Leicester City and Nottingham Forest. Down to the Third: Port Vale and Bury. Derby County rejoin Division 2 from the Northern Section, but there's a struggle still going on in the South between Ipswich, Colchester and the favourites, Torquay.

MELBOURNE v. Pascoe Vale, at Pascoe Vale.

Petyanszki; Szalaiz, Rozsahegyi; Szendy, Zolnay, Holl; Holl, Voros. Urban, Bukkos, Vass. Reserves: Kutassy, Vider, Toth.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

ST. ALBANS v. Fairfield, at St. Albans.

Miler; Schiede, Suttman, Winkler; Torner, Simonis, Beller; Berger, Landherr, Kolaritsch, Stolk, Goettlicher.

Last Week's Results

DIVISION 1.

Box Hill 0, Wilhelmina 7.
Slavia 1, J.U.S.T. 2.
Juventus 3, Moreland 3.
Brighton 0, Hakoah 1.
Polonia 1, Geelong 1.

DIVISION 2.

Hellenic 1, Prahran 2.
South Melbourne 4, Sunshine C. 2.
George Cross 2, Yallourn 1.
Footscray City 0, Preston 5.
South Yarra 1, Richmond 3.

DIVISION 3.

Brunswick 2, Moorabbin City 1.
Yarra Park 8, F.N.D. 0.
Park Rangers 1, Coburg 0.
Maccabi 3, Vic. Colts 1.
Sunshine United 1, Hayduk 1.
Dandenong Rovers 1, Frankston 1.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Fairfield 0, Lions 7.
University 1, Heidelberg 1.
Bayswater 1, C.S.R. 3 (abandoned).
Williamstown 3, St. Albans 2.
I.C.I. 4, C. Fert. 0.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Port Melbourne 1, Vic. Police 0.
Croatia 2, Melbourne 2 (abandoned).
Rosebud v. G.M.H. (not received).
Sandringham City 1, Wilhelmina 4.
Pascoe Vale 1, Ferntree Gully 2.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Wilhelmina 5, Box Hill 0.
J.U.S.T. 4, Slavia 2.
Moreland 3, Juventus 0.
Hakoah 2, Brighton 0.
Geelong 1, Polonia 4.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Prahran 0, Hellenic 2.
Sunshine City 2, South Melb. 1.
Yallourn 1, George Cross 2.
Preston 5, Footscray City 0.
Richmond 9, South Yarra 0.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Heidelberg 2, Sandringham City 5.
Moorabbin City 0, *Fiorentina 4.
Lions 2, I.C.I. 4.
University 3, Coburg 3.
Dandenong v. Maccabi (not played).
Sunshine U. 1, Park Rangers 1.
*New club in place of Brunswick, which cannot field reserves.

CORRECTION.

J.U.S.T. Ball is to be held to-night at the Prahran Town Hall, and not May 18, as printed in last week's "Soccer News."

FIXTURE PROGRAMME

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

DIVISION 1.

J.U.S.T. v. Polonia.
Wilhelmina v. Slavia.
Hakoah v. Box Hill.
Moreland v. Brighton.
Geelong v. Juventus.

DIVISION 2.

Sunshine City v. South Yarra.
Pahran v. South Melbourne.
Preston v. Hellenic.
Yallourn v. Footscray City.
Richmond v. George Cross.

DIVISION 3.

Moorabbin City v. Sunshine United.
Coburg v. Yarra Park.
Vic. Colts v. Brunswick.
F.N.D. v. Frankston.
Park Rangers v. Maccabi.
Hayduk v. Dandenong Rovers.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Polonia v. J.U.S.T.
Slavia v. Wilhelmina.
Box Hill v. Hakoah.
Brighton v. Moreland.
Juventus v. Geelong.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

South Yarra v. Sunshine City.
South Melbourne v. Prahran.
Hellenic v. Preston.
Footscray City v. Yallourn.
George Cross v. Richmond.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Sandringham City v. Dandenong.
I.C.I. v. Moorabbin City.
Coburg v. Heidelberg.
Brunswick v. Park Rangers.
Lions v. University.
Maccabi v. Sunshine United.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Heidelberg v. I.C.I.
Lions v. University.
St. Albans v. Fairfield.
C.S.R. v. Williamstown.
C. Fert. v. Bayswater.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Melbourne v. Pascoe Vale.
Vic. Police v. Croatia.
Wilhelmina v. Port Melbourne.
G.M.H. v. Sandringham City.
Ferntree Gully v. Rosebud.

NEXT WEEK'S

DIVISION 1.

Polonia v. Wilhelmina.
Brighton v. Juventus.
Box Hill v. Moreland.
Slavia v. Hakoah.
J.U.S.T. v. Geelong.

DIVISION 2.

South Yarra v. Prahran.
Footscray City v. George Cross.
Hellenic v. Yallourn.
South Melbourne v. Preston.
Sunshine City v. Richmond.

DIVISION 3.

Yarra Park v. Park Rangers.
Maccabi v. Moorabbin City.
Brunswick v. Sunshine United.
Vic. Colts v. F.N.D.
Dandenong Rovers v. Coburg.
Frankston v. Hayduk.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Wilhelmina v. Polonia.
Juventus v. Brighton.
Moreland v. Box Hill.
Hakoah v. Slavia.
Geelong v. J.U.S.T.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Prahran v. South Yarra.
George Cross v. Footscray City.
Yallourn v. Hellenic.
Preston v. South Melbourne.
Richmond v. Sunshine City.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Moorabbin City v. Lions.
University v. Sandringham City.
Heidelberg v. Dandenong.
Coburg v. Brunswick.
Sunshine United v. I.C.I.
Park Rangers v. Maccabi.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

I.C.I. v. Lions.
Williamstown v. Bayswater.
Fairfield v. C.S.R.
University v. St. Albans.
Heidelberg v. C. Fert.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Pascoe Vale v. Vic. Police.
Sandringham City v. Rosebud.
Port Melbourne v. G.M.H.
Croatia v. Wilhelmina.
Melbourne v. Ferntree Gully.

Next Week's Junior Games

UNDER 20.—Essendon A v. Wilhelmina; Footscray v. Juventus; Maccabi v. Essendon B; Box Hill v. Brighton; Sunshine C. v. St. Albans; Broadmeadows v. Hellenic; Polonia v. St. Kilda.

UNDER 17.—St. Kilda v. Sunshine C.; Moorabbin C. v. Wesley Col.; Army App. v. Brighton; Preston v. Pascoe Vale; Essendon v. Fairfield; Dandenong v. Box Hill; Prahran v. Lions.

UNDER 15.—St. Kilda v. Preston; Broadmeadows v. Sunshine C.; I.C.I. v. S. Melbourne; South Yarra v. Essendon; Moorabbin C. v. Wesley Col.; Heidelberg v. Brighton.

UNDER 13.—South Yarra v. Essendon; Brighton v. Broadmeadows; Sunshine C. A v. St. Kilda; S. Melbourne v. Ajax; Box Hill v. Sunshine C. B.

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HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION 1.

Team.	P	W	D	L	Goals F A	P
J.U.S.T.	6	5	1	0	15 8	11
Slavia	6	4	1	1	15 8	9
Wilhelmina	6	3	1	2	14 7	7
Geelong	5	1	3	1	6 5	5
Polonia	6	2	1	3	10 9	5
Moreland	5	2	1	2	9 9	5
Hakoah	5	2	1	2	6 7	5
Juventus	5	1	2	2	7 9	4
Brighton	6	2	0	4	8 11	4
Box Hill	6	0	1	5	2 19	1

DIVISION 2.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S. Melb.	6	6	0	0	14	5	12
Geo. Cross ..	6	5	0	1	15	6	10
Yallourn ..	6	3	2	1	17	8	8
Preston	6	3	1	2	13	8	7
Richmond ..	6	2	1	3	11	10	5
Prahran	6	2	1	3	10	15	5
Hellenic	5	2	0	3	7	9	4
F'scray C. ...	5	1	1	3	7	12	3
Sunshine C. ...	6	0	2	4	7	13	2
S. Yarra	6	1	0	5	6	21	2

DIVISION 3.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yarra Park ..	6	5	1	0	26	8	11
Hayduk	6	4	2	0	13	6	10
Dandenong ..	6	3	3	0	17	12	9
Brunswick ..	6	3	2	1	13	8	8
Sunshine U. ...	6	3	1	2	12	12	7
Maccabi	6	2	2	2	12	11	6
Park R.	6	3	0	3	9	11	6
Coburg	6	2	1	3	7	7	5
Frankston ..	6	2	1	3	11	12	5
Vic. Colts ..	6	1	0	5	11	17	2
Moorabbin ..	6	0	2	4	9	19	2
F.N.D.	6	0	1	5	2	19	1

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
I.C.I.	6	5	0	1	18	8	10
St. Albans ..	6	4	1	1	18	7	9
Lions	6	4	0	2	29	8	8
W'town	6	4	0	2	17	19	8
Bayswater ..	6	3	1	2	15	12	7
Heidelberg ..	6	2	1	3	14	14	5
University ..	6	2	1	3	10	11	5
C.S.R.	6	2	0	4	13	19	4
Fairfield ..	6	1	1	4	6	17	3
C.F.C.	6	0	1	5	4	29	1

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne ..	5	5	0	0	41	6	10
Vic. Police ..	6	3	2	1	17	8	8
Wilhelmina ..	6	3	1	2	26	28	7
P. Melb.	5	3	0	2	8	9	6
Croatia	4	2	1	1	11	6	5
Ferntree G. ...	4	1	3	0	10	8	5
S'ham C.	5	1	1	3	9	12	3
Rosebud	4	1	0	3	15	13	2
Pascoe Vale ..	6	1	0	5	6	27	2
G.M.H.	4	0	0	4	3	30	0

Croatia v. Melbourne (abandoned).
Rosebud v. G.M.H. (not played).

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	6	5	0	1	18	8	10
Geelong	5	4	0	1	19	7	8
Juventus	5	4	0	1	20	8	8
J.U.S.T.	6	4	0	2	13	8	8
Moreland	5	3	0	2	10	7	6
Wilhelmina ..	6	3	0	3	16	16	6
Brighton	6	2	0	4	7	18	4
Box Hill	6	1	0	5	11	20	2
Hakoah	5	1	0	4	5	11	2
Slavia	6	1	0	5	10	26	2

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross ..	6	5	1	0	22	7	11
S. Melb.	6	4	0	2	21	8	8
Richmond ..	6	4	0	2	20	11	8
Preston	6	3	1	2	14	11	7
Prahran	6	2	2	2	12	9	6
Sunshine C. ...	6	2	2	2	11	17	6
Yallourn	6	1	2	3	12	13	4
F'scray C. ...	6	1	2	3	3	16	4
Hellenic	6	1	1	4	5	10	3
S. Yarra	6	1	1	4	4	22	3

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong ..	5	5	0	0	17	3	10
Lions	6	5	0	1	20	8	10
Sunshine U. ...	6	4	1	1	10	9	9
Coburg	6	3	2	1	16	6	8
I.C.I.	6	4	0	2	15	13	8
S'ham City ..	6	3	1	2	8	10	7
Maccabi	5	3	0	2	12	8	6
Park R.	6	1	1	4	9	15	3
Heidelberg ..	6	1	1	4	7	20	3
Fiorentini ...	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
M'abbin C. ...	6	1	0	5	12	24	2
University ..	6	0	2	4	7	21	2

Dandenong v. Maccabi (not played).

Olympic Park Programme

HERE are the matches which will be played at Olympic Park during the first half of the season. The rest of the games will be published in "Soccer News" later this season.

MAY.

5—Austria v. Ukraine;
Malta v. Israel.

11—Polonia v. Wilhelmina
12—J.U.S.T. v. Geelong.
18—Wilhelmina v. J.U.S.T.
19—Hakoah v. Polonia.
25—Hakoah v. Juventus
26—Hungary v. Scotland; Ireland v. Yugoslavia.

JUNE.

1—Hakoah v. J.U.S.T.
2—Italy v. Austria or Ukraine; Australia v. Croatia.
8—Polonia v. Juventus.
9—Holland v. England;
Greece v. Malta or Israel.

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